

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of expanding capabilities of a palmtop computer with a memory expansion module, comprising:
 - coupling the memory expansion module to a processor within the palmtop computer;
 - coupling the memory expansion module to an expansion port of the palmtop computer; and
 - coupling a sled device to the palmtop computer, so that the sled device is coupled directly to the memory expansion module and to a communication port of the palmtop computer.
 2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the expansion memory module comprises ~~[[an SD]]~~ a Secure Digital (SD) compliant memory module.
 3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the expansion memory module comprises a SmartMedia ~~smartmedia~~ compliant memory module.
 4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the expansion memory module comprises a memory stick compliant memory module.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the sled device comprises a music player; and further comprising:
at said sled device, directly accessing music stored on the expansion memory module.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein the music player comprises an MP3 music player.

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7. (Currently Amended) A palmtop computer having enhanced expansion, comprising:

a central processor connected to a bus;

an expansion memory operatively coupled to the bus to provide the central processor with access to the expansion memory;

a communication interface operatively coupled to the bus to provide the central processor with communication with devices outside the palmtop computer; and

a connector, operatively coupled to the communication interface and to the expansion memory, to permit an external device to communicate with the central processor via the communication interface and to permit the external device to directly access the expansion memory ~~module~~.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a memory interface connected to the bus and adapting the expansion memory for access over the bus.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the expansion memory comprises one of [[an SD]] a Secure Digital (SD) compliant memory module, a SmartMedia compliant memory module and a memory stick compliant memory module.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the external device comprises a sled device.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the sled device comprises a music player wherein said sled device directly accesses music stored on the expansion memory.

12. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the music player comprises an MP3 music player.

13. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the connector comprises one of a circuit board edge connector and a bullet style connector.

14. (Currently Amended) An expansion device for a palmtop computer, the palmtop computer having [[a]] a central processor, an expansion memory, a communication interface and a palmtop-side connector, the palmtop-side connector being operatively coupled to the communication interface and to the expansion ~~memory~~; memory, the expansion device comprising:

an expansion device-side connector suitable for mating with the palmtop-side connector;

an expansion device-side communication interface connected to the expansion device-side connector for communicating with the communication interface of the palmtop computer; and

a memory interface connected to the expansion device-side connector for directly accessing the expansion memory of the palmtop computer.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the expansion memory comprises one of ~~[[an SD]]~~ a Secure Digital (SD) compliant memory module, a SmartMedia compliant memory module and a memory stick compliant memory module, ~~module~~; and wherein the memory interface directly accesses the expansion memory ~~module~~.

16. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the external device comprises a sled device.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to ~~claim 14~~ claim 16, wherein the sled device comprises a music player wherein said sled device directly accesses music stored on the expansion memory.

18. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the music player comprises an MP3 music player.

19. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the palmtop-side connector comprises one of a circuit board edge connector and a bullet style connector.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the expansion device-side communication interface comprises at least one of a [[USB]] Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface, an Ethernet interface, a Serial interface and a SCSI interface Small Computer System Interface (SCSI).
